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November 19, 2015

David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GALVESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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VS.

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CRIMINAL NO. G-15-024 (4)

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BRANDEN FORCH, JR.

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ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

On November 13, 2015, this Court conducted a Hearing on the Government's Motion to Detain **Branden Forch, Jr.**, a co-Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause. The Government appeared by attorney and announced ready; the Defendant appeared in person and by Court-appointed counsel and announced ready. The Government offered the testimony of Eduardo De La Serta, a Detective with the Friendswood Police Department; Forch offered the testimony of Julia Rodriguez, his grandmother. The Court also made the Pretrial Services report, which recommended a bond, a part of the record for purposes of the Detention Hearing only. Having now considered the evidence, the recommendation of the Pretrial Services, and the arguments of counsel, this Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. That pursuant to the Indictment there is probable cause to believe that **Forch** has committed crimes of violence, to-wit: armed robbery in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2113 and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §924(c);

2. That by virtue of the foregoing finding a rebuttable presumption was created in favor of **Forch**'s detention, 18 U.S.C. §3142(e)(3)(B);
3. That the strength of the Government's case is substantial given, *inter alia*, the video recording of the bank robbery showing **Forch**'s possession of a firearm, the victim witnesses' positive identifications and **Forch**'s confession to his involvement in the offense;
4. That **Forch**'s evidence has failed to rebut the presumption created by 18 U.S.C. §3142(e)(3)(B);
6. That by virtue of the foregoing findings, **Forch** would constitute a danger to the community if released;
7. That the credible evidence and information submitted establishes by clear and convincing evidence that there is no condition or combination of conditions which could be imposed upon **Forch** by this Court to reasonably assure the safety of the community if he were released.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that **Branden Forch, Jr.**, be, and he is hereby, **COMMITTED** to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal.

It is further **ORDERED** that **Branden Forch, Jr.**, **SHALL** be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon Order of a Court of the United States or upon request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility **SHALL** deliver **Branden Forch, Jr.**, to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a Court proceeding.

DONE at Galveston, Texas, this 19th day of November, 2015.



John R. Froeschner
United States Magistrate Judge